

Art Unit: 3726

In the specification, the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 14, has been amended as follows:

According to the structure of the invention, ~~as set forth in claim 1 (7, 8, and 11)~~ a predetermined number N (for example, 250) of tools having the same shape (for example, straight sword type) and the same length (for example, 5 mm) defines one mold group, and a plurality of tool groups G1 to G4, G1' to G4' are housed, desired tool groups G3, G3' (FIG. 16(A)), each comprising punches P and dies D selected from the plurality of tool groups, are transferred to upper and lower tables 9, 10 side, and when a process station is formed, for example, because a separator 60 (FIG. 14) sorts and splits the tool groups into a plurality of tool groups g1 to g4, g1' to g4' with reference to the number of tools n1, n2, e.g., at each punches P side and dies D side, and positions them at predetermined positions (FIG. 16(D)), the number of tools with the same length does not lack, and creation of a tool layout with reference to the number of tools facilitates building a plurality of process stations for different processes, and this makes it possible to cope with step bending easily and rapidly.

In the specification, the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 2, has been amended as follows:

According to the structure of the invention ~~as set forth in claim 1 (8, 11)~~, since a tool E1 (FIG. 26(A)) comprising a plurality of spilt tools P with different shapes (for example, straight-sword type, goose-neck type), and different lengths (for example, 5 mm, 30 mm, and 50 mm) are housed, in a case where a process station is determined to cope with step bending easily and rapidly for a product particularly requiring a quality, a tool having a length close to the length of